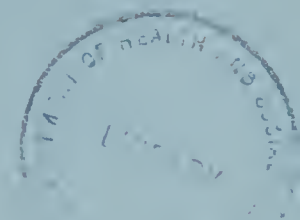


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URBAN DISTRICT OF WOLVERTON

Council Offices,
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Wolverton,
Bucks.

1st July, 1971

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1970, which was "Conservation Year".

The current fashion for expansion has particular significance locally, where conservation is something we cannot even hope for. The assault on our senses is yet to begin. The law is almost impotent as a means of protection for the quality of life; means must be found to enable us to adapt to new conditions or prevent disruptive influences occurring too suddenly to disturb the harmony of our relationship with the environment. A consumer orientated society of necessity must accept change and these changes bring new problems often unexpected ones, that are becoming increasingly difficult to solve. The results rarely bring any more satisfaction to the individual, too often the end products include increasing frustration.

Naturally, there is no question of the status quo being maintained; steady progress is essential for human satisfaction and a basic natural law. Whether progress is in the right direction is a question we must face up to. Are we taking advice from economists who are sufficiently well versed in the effects of their theories on human personality? Is the value and importance of our environment being under-estimated? When any future proposals for development of our fast diminishing natural environment are considered, careful thought needs to be given to these questions. Every patch of open ground must be used in a manner that complements, rather than conflicts with, human activity. Any new activity must not produce any by products that can give offence or harm. Even activities like procreation must be carried out responsibly in a manner that does not create problems for the future.

Authority was given for the purchase of measuring apparatus to monitor smoke and sulphur dioxide levels in the atmosphere at a point in Stony Stratford and one in Wolverton. This will enable us to see what the basic levels are before the new city is built. We have not made any progress towards creating smoke controlled areas as present staff could not possibly cope with the initial house surveying necessary. In addition it would be unwise to proceed as long as the necessary requirement remains of adequate supplies of smokeless solid fuels. I hope people will gradually convert to other forms of heating as the opportunity presents itself so that by the time we can establish smoke controlled areas, little work will be necessary.

Measles vaccination, after a hold up lasting many months, was resumed though it was doubtful whether sufficient vaccine could be administered in time to prevent the usual epidemic due at the end of the year. Rubella (german measles) vaccine became available generally and a scheme was launched to offer this to all 13 year old girls. The response was

fairly good. The aim is to try and ensure that all girls are resistant to the disease before pregnancy occurs; we are not yet aiming to clear the virus from the community. It is not a vaccine to use on adults where there is the remotest possibility of pregnancy near the time of vaccination.

Basic public health work still occupies the greatest proportion of time, and sampling of water and certain foods increases. From the report it will be seen that generally the results were satisfactory. Various nuisances continue to crop up with some regularity and your inspectors have been vigilant and prompt in tackling these. As the district is developed, the need for this basic work will continue to be vital for some time to come.

I must thank the Public Health Committee for the interest they continue to show in the work of the department.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

P. LAVIS

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A

<u>VITAL STATISTICS</u>	for the year	1970	1969
Area (in acres)		4,699	4,699
Population		13,520	13,600
Number of Inhabited Houses		5,144	5,104
Rateable Value (1st April, 1970)		£524,918	£498,547
Sum represented by 1d. Rate (Est. 1970/71)		2,155	2,114
Rate per £1.		69p.	65p.

BIRTH

Legitimate (Live):	Males	110	127
	Females	94	102
Illegitimate (Live):	Males	5	8
	Females	7	2
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population (adjusted)		19.0	20.9
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population, England and Wales		16.0	16.3
Still Births		2	2

DEATH

Males	107	98
Females	74	82
Death Rate per 1,000 Population (adjusted)	11.4	11.2
Death Rate per 1,000 Population, England and Wales	11.7	11.9

INFANT MORTALITY RATE

(Death of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births)		
Wolverton	5	Nil
England and Wales	18.0	18.0

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

Causes of Death:

	M	F	T
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	-	1
Meningococcal Infection	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	5	-	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	-	3	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	13	-	13
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	4	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	1	-	1
Leukaemia	2	-	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	5	4	9
Diabetes Mellitus	-	1	1
Multiple Sclerosis	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	2	-	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	2	2
Hypertensive Disease	3	-	3
Ischaemic Heart Disease	37	16	-
Other forms of Heart Disease	4	6	10
Cerebrovascular Disease	8	14	22
Other diseases of circulatory System	5	3	8
Influenza	1	2	3
Pneumonia	5	9	14
Bronchitis and Emphysema	6	1	7
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	-	1
Peptic Ulcer	1	1	2
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	1	2
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	-	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	1	1
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	2	-	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-	1
All Other Accidents	-	3	3
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries.	1	-	1
TOTAL ALL CASES	107	74	181

S E C T I O N B

PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

1. Ambulance Service

(Tel. Bletchley 2565) Administered by Bucks. County Council. Main station at Bletchley with sub-stations at Newport Pagnell and Buckingham.

2. Hospitals

Under the Oxford Regional Hospital Board. Patients are generally treated at Northampton. Out patients facilities available at the Meacham Diagnostic Clinic at Wolverton and the Physiotherapy clinic at Stony Stratford.

3. Laboratory

General Hospital, Northampton (Tel. 34347).

4. District Nurses/Midwives

Area Superintendent Nursing Officer: Mrs. O. M. Riley (at Area Health Office, Bletchley) (Tel. 4701). Work with general practitioners.

5. Health Visitors

Superintendent: Mrs. D. L. Marett at Area Health Office, Bletchley. Wolverton: 122, Church Street. (Tel. Wolverton 2320). Attached to general practitioners.

6. Social Workers

(Medical, Welfare, Blind and Mental Health) Area Officer, Mr. P. K. Smith at Area Health Office, Bletchley.

7. Home Help Service

Area Organiser: Mrs. M. A. Goldsmith. Assistant Organiser: Mrs. P. B. Schorr (Tel. Wolverton 2320).

8. Industrial Unit (for subnormals)

Whaddon Way, Bletchley.

9. Child Health Clinic

Held regularly at - Scout Hall, Wolverton - Scout Hall, Stony Stratford and 122, Newport Road, New Bradwell. Welfare foods are available at each centre.

10. Dental Clinic

122a, Church Street, Wolverton. Treatment offered to children and expectant mothers. In addition, schools are visited regularly by the dentist.

11. Health Education

Area Organiser: Mr. T. Watson at Area Health Office, Bletchley.

12. School Health Service

Administered from Area Health Office. This includes arrangements for examination of pupils in accordance with the Education Act, 1944, ascertainment of handicap and arranging for appropriate treatment. B.C.G. vaccination against tuberculosis is carried out in the schools as well as booster doses of polio, diphtheria and tetanus antigens. Child Guidance Clinic, Whalley Drive, Bletchley. Psychiatrist: Dr. M. Lindsay.

13. Contraception Advice

Weekly clinics held at Meacham Clinic, Wolverton by the Family Planning Association (by appointment Tel. Bletchley 2285).

14. Cervical Cytology

Carried out by family doctors and at Meacham Clinic, Wolverton. (Tel. Bletchley 4701 for appointment).

15. Marriage Guidance Council

Whalley Drive Health Clinic, Bletchley (by appointment Tel. Bletchley 4500).

16. Children's Department

Area Child Care Officer: Miss J. M. Walker (Tel. Bletchley 4701).

17. Occupational Therapy

226, Queensway, Bletchley.

S E C T I O N C

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER
INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASE

Notifications with comparative figures for 1969

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>
Scarlet Fever	4	3
Measles	13	37
Infective Hepatitis	1	42

Tuberculosis

Two cases were notified during the year.

S E C T I O N D

HOUSING

The Council has made a number of important decisions in the field of housing administration.

The control of its municipal houses has been brought under the ambit of a new department, and this is the last report of the old Public Health Department.

Housing improvement grants are now available and general improvement areas have been considered, one in Stony Stratford will be declared in 1971.

The enhancement of the standards pertaining in our present housing stock and of the environment in which they stand must take a high priority. The object of such an exercise locally will have as its prime aim the prevention of the deterioration of housing areas.

S E C T I O N E

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA

1. Water

Water is supplied and distributed by the Bucks. Water Board. Samples are regularly taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Service for examination. A total of 280 samples were so submitted.

2. Public Cleansing

This is on a satisfactory basis.

3. Sewage & Sewerage Disposal

1971 should see the commencement of the work of sewerage Calverton.

4. Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

The statutory report has been forwarded to the Ministry of Labour.

5. Clean Air Acts

Control has continued to be exercised over chimney heights. Again aesthetic planning considerations have been equated against undoubted health safe guards. The latter must prevail.

S E C T I O N F

FOOD HYGIENE

General

Inadequate stock rotation, ignorance and in some instances unsuitable premises have given cause for concern. Routine visits of inspection are maintained where possible and in conjunction with other work load demands.

Bacteriological Sampling

A total of 50 samples of food were submitted for bacteriological examination of which none were reported as being unsatisfactory.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Details are given below of the type of foods voluntarily surrendered for destruction:-

Almonds	1 pkt.	Milk Puddings	2 tins
Ambrossia	1 tin	Orange Juice	1 bottle
Apricots	6 tins	Ox Tongue	1 tin
Bacon	97 lbs.	Peaches	1 "
Baked Beans	1 tin	Pears	4 tins
Beef Sausage	30 lbs.	Peas	5 tins
Beetroot	1 tin	Pilchards	1 tin
Biscuits	1 pkt.	Process Peas	2 tins
Brisling	2 tins	Prunes	2 "
Carrots	1 tin	Quaker Oats	1 pkt.
Chutney	1 tin	Sausages	1 tin
Cod	28 lbs.	Sausages	11 lbs.
Corned Beef	3 tins	Salt	2 tins
Cream	1 tin	Skippers	1 tin
Currants	2 boxes	Shoulder of Ham	8 lbs.
Essence	2 bottles	Soup	1 tin
Flour	3 lbs.	Spaghetti Hoops	2 tins
Fruit	7 tins	Squash	2 bottles
Fruit Salad	1 tin	Steak & Kidney Pie	1 tin
Garden Peas	3 tins	Stewed Steak	4 tins
Grape Fruit Juice	1 tin	Strawberries	1 tin
Ham	8 lbs.	Strawberry Jam	1 jar
Jam	3 jars	Suet	1 pkt.
Jam Sandwich	1 pkt	Sunny Spread	1 jar.
Jellied Veal	1 tin	Tomatoes	4 tins
Luncheon Meat	1 "	Weetabix	1 pkt.
Milk	4 tins.		

Details are given above of food voluntarily surrendered for condemnation. Very often the damage to packets has been sustained in transit and this high lights yet again the importance to the food industry of attempting to provide a more robust container. Other condemnations have taken place because of the failure of deep freeze storage cabinets, in the main due to a fault occurring in storage units, when shops are closed at weekends.

S E C T I O N G

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	8	5	2	-
(ii) Factories not in- cluded in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	46	20	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (ex- cluding out- worker's premises)	-	-	-	-
T O T A L	54	25	2	-

Number of cases in which defects
were found.

	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Ventilation that is inadequate (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	1	1	-	-	-
Sanitary Con- veniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.					
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
T O T A L	2	2	-	-	-

